

SINGULAR ASSOCIATION.

A Cat in this town had a short time since, and the story is a family having found a nest of young rats, seven in number, killed five of them and threw them into an oven in the cellar, where the cat and kittens were, and they were soon devoured. Afterwards the two live young rats were put into the oven, that the cat herself might destroy them; but instead of preying on them, she received them as inmates with her kittens. A few days after the rats were put into the oven, a servant in the family went down to play with a couple of kittens for the child to get them, (it being quite dark) she thought one of the kittens felt very small; but what was her surprise on arriving in an upper light room, to discover that one of the supposed kittens was a rat! And her surprise was still heightened to see the cat instantly enter the room, take the young rat (in preference to her own kittens) and carefully carry it back to the oven in the cellar.

EPITOME OF NEWS.

The TARIFF BILL is said to have been signed by the PRESIDENT on Tuesday. The bill authorizing the erection of a Breakwater at the mouth of the Delaware, has passed the house of Representatives. The report that the Wilmington and Brandywine Bank has stopped payment, appears to be unfounded.

A man, on Saturday morning last, fell from the roof of a three-story house, Strawberry street; he was picked up soon after it is supposed he fell, by a watchman, and taken to the hospital, where he very soon died.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church has set apart Wednesday next, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer, with that denomination in this city.

The Commissioners of the District of Spring Garden on Monday afternoon elected JAMES S. SPENCER, a Guardian of the Poor, for the ensuing three years, and JOHN M. OGDEN, a Commissioner to erect buildings for the accommodation of the Poor.

LAWRENCE SHUSTER, Esquire, has been unanimously elected President of the Board of Commissioners of Spring Garden.

The purse of \$300 and a silver cup, 3 miles and repeat, which was trotted for on Thursday week, in the vicinity of this city, was won by the New York horse Screw-driver, in two heats. Time—first heat, 3:10; second heat, 3:08.

The wealthy house of Baring & Co. in London, have obtained a grant of land in Texas, adjoining the Territory of Arkansas, as large as the state of Virginia, and have now a strong company exploring the country.

The Greek committee of New York acknowledge further donations from various sections of our country to the amount of \$12,494.28. The Susquehanna Emigration, from the Commissioners of the Sunbury and Pottsville Rail Way, have adopted measures for ascertaining the amount of produce that has descended the west branch of the Susquehanna, in the last season.

The London Society for the Discharge and Relief of persons imprisoned for small debts, have, within the last twelve months, liberated 1,311 debtors from the various prisons of England and Wales, at the trifling average expense of 2s. 10d. 4 1/2d. each.

It is estimated that there are one million two hundred thousand children enjoying the benefit of Sunday School instruction in the United States.

If beer is bottled when the bottles are wet, it is never good. The bottles ought to be dry—perfectly dry—and the corks good.

Mr. Richard O. Maher, of Petersburg, Virginia, who was stabbed by two black men, some time since, died a few days ago of his wounds.

A young man named Daniel Dobbs, was accidentally killed a few days since at the Cotton Factory of Mr. Wilds, in Columbia, N. J. by being caught in the machinery while he was in the act of putting a strap to the drum.

A curious discussion has arisen in the Boston papers whether lithographic votes are legal votes. The constitution of Massachusetts prescribes written votes.

The whole amount of damages recovered in fire suits lately terminated at Newport, was \$54,732, and the costs \$307.73.

Fresh Salmon from Kennebec, (Maine), are to be had twice each week in the New York market.

During the shower on Tuesday evening, 6th inst. three horses standing to a four horse wagon at Mount Pleasant, were instantly killed by lightning; the fourth horse was knocked down, but not injured. They belonged to David C. Miller, German Valley.

Quebec papers state that Lord Dalhousie, having received instructions from the King, has appointed a Register of Records, for the Lower Province of Canada.

The Treasury of Maryland has issued proposals for a loan of \$25,000, to bear an interest of five per cent. and to be irredeemable for fifty years.

The ladies in Boston have collected 3472 dollars for the Greeks. Of this sum, 1019 dollars have been invested in clothes, and the residue is to be appropriated to the purchase of provisions.

The Boston Journal of the 15th says, "yesterday a lady in this city, became happily the mother of two girls and a boy at a birth. They are all doing well."

The ship Caledonia, recently returned from a Canton voyage, was sold at auction, in this city, on Saturday, for nine thousand dollars.

The S. S. ship Natchez, 42, Boston, was commandeered, bearing the broad pennant of Commodore Ridgely, sailed from Pensacola, for a cruise, to touch at New Orleans on the 22d ult.

The Legislature of Rhode Island has passed an order of notice on a petition for a Rail way from Boston to Providence, and authorized a survey.

A Wesleyan Missionary Meeting was lately held in Jamaica. It was stated that 500 Missionaries were employed by the Methodists in different parts of the world, and that there are 11,000 Methodists in Jamaica.

There were three cases of slander before the superior court of Jones county, Georgia, last week. In the first the jury gave a verdict of \$1000, and costs of suit for the plaintiff. In the second the verdict was \$2000 and costs of suit.

The Canton Register of the 14th December, states that the quantity of Indian opium consumed in China, in the eight months between March and December of last year, was 7,326 chests—valued at \$1,127,492.

Accounts from Madras to the 19th of December, represent the whole country as being completely under water, from excessive rains.

In the year 1795, a voyage was performed, in a small boat of 17 1/2 feet keel and 5 feet 7 inches beam, from Presque Isle (now Erie) on Lake Erie, to Philadelphia. It occupied seven weeks.

At the present day, owing to our internal improvements, the same voyage may be performed in one fifth of the time.

The import of British goods into this port for eight months, ending the 1st of April, was under stand amounted to 48,002 packages. In the same period the preceding year, the import was 27,543—Excess this year 20,459 packages.

An architect in London has circulated a prospectus for building a Pyramid, for enclosing the dead, the length of the base to be 1200 feet, the height 1000. He estimates the expense at forty millions sterling, which he wants the Government to advance at the rate of one million per annum!

The steam-engine, constructed on the Wadsworth principle, consumes less than 1 1/2 feet of wood per hour. One of them is in operation in Providence and another in Merrimack.

About half a million gallons of molasses are imported yearly into Rhode Island. The ship Jefferson, Cornick, arrived at Baltimore last week, from Havre, brought out the Swiss emigrants, men, women, and children. Their appearance and deportment, it is said, give assurance that they will benefit both themselves and our country, by the change.

On the 6th or 7th inst. the heat in Augusta, Geo. was extreme. The thermometer stood as high as 93 degrees.

Four young ladies were recently drowned by the upsetting of a boat in Stillwater, Maine. There are thirty lines of stages running out of Boston—four years ago there were five.

On Monday morning, the colors of the shipping in the port of New York, were displayed at half-mast, as a mark of regret for the injuries inflicted on their commerce by the passage of the TARIFF BILL.

There were 25 deaths reported last, as the amount of the Baltimore interments—10 of whom were females, and the other 15, males. The deaths during last week in New York amounted to 84—of whom 30 were men, 20 women, 20 boys, and 14 girls.

THE FIRE-SIDE.

Under this title Mrs. Stebbins, of Boston, has recently presented the public with a new volume, calculated to amuse by the incidents of the Stories, and instruct and gratify by their moral sentiments and chaste style of composition.

Mrs. Stebbins had caused herself to be favorably known to the public, and gratefully remembered by the younger branches in her smaller publications for the use of children, in which she exemplifies some of the most practical thoughts, and directs juvenile readers to a contemplation and practice of virtues that will "grow with their growth and strengthen with their strength."

The "Tales of the Fire-Side" is a handsome volume, calculated for older readers, but not less scrupulously guarded in expression and thought, and most afford a high gratification to them who find leisure to enjoy its contents.

Our readers will be kind enough to distinguish between the book which we now notice, as "Tales of the Fire-Side," and the little book calculated for children, entitled "Fire-Side Stories," by another author.

In the House of Representatives, on Friday, Mr. McDuffie made a Report from the Committee on the President's Message in relation to the assault committed on his private Secretary.

Mr. P. BARBOUR submitted a paper containing the views of the minority of the same Committee. Both communications were read, and laid on the table. It is stated, in the National Journal, that two Resolutions are appended to the Report of the Committee, one asserting that a breach of privilege has been committed, which renders the perpetrator obnoxious to the censure of the House—the other recommending that there shall be no further proceeding on the subject.

The Baltimore American of Tuesday, contains the following paragraph in relation to the appointment of a Minister to England.

A letter from Washington under date of Tuesday from a source on which we have full reliance, communicates the following information:—"The Secretary of War, Governor BARBOUR, will be nominated to-morrow to the Senate, as Minister to London. Gen. P. B. PORTER, of New York, succeeds him as Secretary of War. General HARRISON goes to Colombia."

COMMUNICATION.

MR. EDITOR—In the last number of your paper is the publication of a marriage which never took place, and in which a worthy and respectable minister of the gospel and two individuals different in sphere of life, age, circumstances, connections and conditions, have been arrayed before the public in a manner calculated to wound the feelings of the parties themselves and excite the indignation of every person possessing a spark of virtue or honour. The base and unprincipled wretch who was the author of so vile an outrage on the peace and order of families, and by whose means the bonds of friendship, woven by years of intercourse, have been severed, yet remains a mystery; but he who he may, it is hoped the grand mandate of heaven's justice may lead him to entertain a due sense of the crime of which he has been guilty, and he is hereby informed that should any circumstance transpire by which he may be brought to light, perseverance shall not be wanting to make the Penitentiary his doom.

ONE INTERESTED. N. B. The marriage above alluded to is the last but one on the list.

COMMUNICATION.

Doctor John Bell, of Montgomery, Hamilton County, Ohio, has applied for a patent for a Water Wheel for propelling Mills and other machinery. The advantages of his wheel over any other yet known, is that it requires no dam, race, nor forebay, but only common ripple water. The wheel is cheap and simple of construction, does not impede the navigation of rivers, and is not injured by flood, drift, or ice; and high water only increases its power. It is capable of affording more power from the common rippling of rivers than any kind of water wheel that has been known heretofore; for the water that propels one wheel, may propel many more in succession, as long as the rapid continues. All rippling or rapid of water, on that principle, become powerful agents of motion, especially the raising of water with the force pump can be done at less expense than with any other wheel heretofore known. All those who may wish to avail themselves of the advantages of this improvement, can have incontestable evidence of its utility, by applying to the inventor. All communications on this subject must be post paid, otherwise they will not be attended to.

DRAMATIC INTELLIGENCE.

WALNUT STREET THEATRE.

Friday, May 10.—1000. *Notes—Sleeping Beauty.* Saturday, May 11.—*Dumb Girl of Genoa—Sleeping Beauty.*

Monday, May 12.—*Rendezvous—Haunted Inn—Sleeping Beauty.*

Tuesday, May 13.—*Haunted Inn—Within of a Cuckoo's Nest.*

Wednesday, May 14.—*My Spouse and I—Day after the Fair—Iskander in London.*

Thursday, May 15.—*Haunted Inn—Blue Devils—Pilot.*

Sleeping Beauty is decidedly the most splendid show piece we have for a long time witnessed. The scenery, by Mr. Walker, combines great beauty and originality of design, with the richest and purest coloring we have ever seen upon the stage, and reflects the highest credit upon the taste and talent of the artist. The dresses are new and brilliant, and the other properties are correspondingly handsome. It is founded upon an old fairy legend, and though not remarkable for depth of plot, contains some good points. There is little room for good acting in most of the parts, but we must not pass by Mrs. Cowell, without a compliment. This lady sustains the character of an old woman, 117 years of age, with great judgment, exhibiting the delicacy of extreme old age with nature and feeling. We are pleased to say this piece had a good run.

On Monday, Mr. Cowell, whose efforts to please his patrons are increasing, produced at this theatre a new farce, by the author of the *Ital. Note*, called *The Haystack*. We have seldom before seen a more successful farce than this afforded. It is full of ludicrous situations, and agreeable *couplettes*, and kept the audience on a broad gig throughout the performance.

Smith, as *Clashing Cap*, *Levant*, was very sprightly, and greatly pleased. Cowell gave *Corporal John Frost* with fine spirit; *Grosvenor* of Lord Landford, was highly amusing. Hallam's *Tommy Tadpole* was what the author intended it should be, and Mrs. Cowell, as *Jenny Telf*, was a charming representation of rural simplicity. Blakely, Sefton, and Miss Howard, in their respective parts, did all that could be desired of them.

Mr. Holland made his first appearance here on Tuesday. He is an excellent ventriloquist, and the funniest actor we have seen since the days of Mathews. He can assume all shapes—imitate all sounds which are not inimitable—from the cooing of the dove, to the roaring of the lion, and do every thing, in short, calculated to make "man's eyes run over with tears" of mirth. In his *White Man of Condonia*, the misanthropicness of his transformations, and the free exercise of uncommon ventriloquical powers astonish us; and in *A Day after the Fair*, he compels us to laugh until our sides ache, by the exquisite manner with which he portrays the dissimilar characters of Sam Wags, a jolly drunken cobbler; *Sobey Squall*, a sturdy beggar, "with high and upturned nose"; *Billie*, a drunken, dissipated, and malicious fellow; *Dumplings*, a French opera singer, who "to all men's views, is nearly two feet seven," with an almost immeasurable circumference of waist, and a rotundity of form that would do honor to an elephant. This burlesque is a true satire, comprising every variety of sound that may be heard in that appearance to rural felicity. He has attracted good houses, notwithstanding the lateness of the season. It would be injustice to omit saying that Mrs. Cowell, Mr. Blakely, and Mr. Holland, supported him with all requisite spirit.

Friday, May 16.—*Fortune's Frolics—Der Freischütz.* Saturday, May 17.—*Fortune's Frolics—Der Freischütz.* Sunday, May 18.—*Rendezvous—Der Freischütz.* Monday, May 19.—*Rendezvous—Der Freischütz.* Tuesday, May 20.—*Village Lawyer—Marriage of Figaro.* Wednesday, May 21.—*Fortune's Frolics—Der Freischütz.* Thursday, May 22.—*Fortune's Frolics—Der Freischütz.*

The opera of *Der Freischütz* was performed on Friday with an excellence never before witnessed at our Theatre. Horn's *Freischütz* in his best part—he plays it with judgment, feeling and pathos. Mr. Pearson's *Rodolph* and Mrs. Austin's *Linda* were both characterized by good acting and exquisite singing. The music, sung by Mrs. Cowell, Mr. Blakely, and Mr. Holland, was of the most brilliant and the most impressive.

Miss Moffitt's tragedy of *Freischütz* was repeated on Saturday to a thin house. This drama contains many beautiful passages and several good situations, but is rather dull in its execution. Mrs. Sloman, as the heroine *Linda*, displays all those nice touches of feeling which have won for her the esteem of all who have had the good fortune to witness her performance. *Freischütz* is a comedy, and a short comedy, but it is a comedy of the first order, and it is a comedy of the first order, and it is a comedy of the first order.

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Tuesday Mr. Sloman took a benefit, and though the weather was very cold and sultry, he had a full house. He has already noticed the performance of *Freischütz*, which he has noticed. A new farce called *The Lottery Ticket* was produced. It is an amusing little comedy, and it is a comedy of the first order.

The *Marriage of Figaro* did not attract so good a house as had been anticipated. *Freischütz* is a comedy, and a short comedy, but it is a comedy of the first order, and it is a comedy of the first order, and it is a comedy of the first order.

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On the 16th inst. by the Rev. Philip P. Meyer, D. D. Mr. THOMAS L. DEBACH, of Maryland, to Miss CORDELIA E. daughter of Mark Richards, Esq. of this city.

On the 16th inst. by the Rev. W. T. Bentley, CHURCHILL, to Miss MARY W. L. L. daughter of Mr. John Warner, all of this city.

At Croppell (Friends) Meeting, Burlington county, N. J. on the 14th inst. the Rev. LEVI H. STOKES, of Philadelphia, to DEBORAH HAINES, of Everettsville, New York.

On the 15th inst. by the Rev. Charles M. Dwyer, Mr. GEO. DUPEN, to Miss THERESA LEWIS, all of Southwark.

On the 15th inst. in Attleborough, Mass. by the Rev. Mr. Warren, Mr. JOSEPH R. GAY, of Philadelphia, to Miss ABIGAIL M. ELLIS, of the former place.

On Wednesday evening, by the Rev. Dr. Janeway, Mr. T. LATHROP, of Norwich, Conn. to Miss ELIZABETH, daughter of Charles Maclester, Esq. of this city.

On the 15th inst. by the Rev. Mr. Barlow, Mr. MARTIN CARMAN, to Miss CHARITY LOVETT, both of Philadelphia, Philadelphia county.

On the 1st inst. at Louisville, Ky. Mr. JOHN MUIR, of the firm of Muir & Ormsby, formerly of New York, merchant, to Miss MARIA WHEAT, of Philadelphia.

On Thursday evening, by the Rev. Dr. Sargent, Mr. THOMAS WILMER, to Miss HANNAH E. BLOW, daughter of Benjamin Kay All of this city.

On Monday evening, May 19th, by the Rev. William E. Ashton, Mr. EPHRAIM CLINE, to Miss CATHERINE HAMILTON, both of the Northern Liberties.

On the 6th inst. by the Rev. E. M. Gilbert, Mr. JOSEPH S. DIXSON, to Miss MARY JANE MCKORMICK, all of Wilmington, Delaware.

On the 29th April, by Isaac Holman, Esq. Mr. LEONARD HUNTER, to Miss MARTHA QUIGG, both of the Northern Liberties.

On the 6th of May, by Isaac Holman, Esq. Mr. WILLIAM T. ROBINSON, to Miss MARY WILL, both of Germantown, Philadelphia county.

On the 10th of May, by Isaac Holman, Esq. Mr. ISAAC WHITE, of Eastern Shore, Maryland, to Miss MARTHA BARNES, Bucks County, Penn.

On the 17th of May, by Isaac Holman, Esq. Mr. COLLEEN, to Miss MARY ANN ALLEN, both of Bucks County.

At Norristown, on Wednesday night last, after a long and lingering illness, Mrs. CATHERINE SOWER, consort of David Sower, senior, of that borough, in the 60th year of her age.

On the 16th inst. in the 30th year of her age, Miss MARGARET HENRY.

On Friday morning, after a lingering illness, Mr. JOHN L. SMITH, in the 27th year of his age.

DIED, on the 10th of March, at Sea, on board the *Albatross*, of 24, and on the 11th inst. at Philadelphia, of bilious fever, after an illness of 6 days, Dr. HENRY C. PRATT, of the U. S. Navy, son of Mr. Thomas Pratt, of this city aged 25 years.

On the 6th inst. in the Borough of Carlisle, Pennsylvania, Doctor JAMES ARMSTRONG, in the 61st year of his age. It is singularly remarkable in this country, that a man of his age, should have been born in the same house and room in which he died, which was on Saturday morning, the 17th inst. Printer, aged eleven months and eighteen days.

On the 19th inst. in the 39th year of her age, Mrs. CATHERINE HAMILTON, of Blackley township, in the 61st year of her age. After a painful illness of eight or nine days, on the 18th inst. in the 35th year of his age, Major JOHN BONSETTER, son of the late Capt. John Bonsetter of this city.

On Tuesday morning, at 8 o'clock, Mrs. ELIZA KATZ, wife of William Katz, in the 23d year of her age.

On the 20th inst. suddenly, at New York, Dr. SAMUEL R. MARSHALL, Major, Surgeon of the United States Navy, at this station, aged 61 years.

NOTICE.—The Rev. HORACE BALLOU, of Boston, will preach at the Universalist Church in Callowhill street on Sunday next, morning and afternoon, at 10 o'clock, in the evening at the Universalist Church in Lombard street.

SITUATION WANTED.—As an Assistant in a FEMALE SEMINARY, by a young man, well qualified to assist in Teaching the necessary branches of English Education. A Note addressed to C. D. and left at this office, will be attended to. may 12—11

FARE REDUCED TO \$2 CITIZENS' LINE FOR NEW YORK. THROUGH IN ONE DAY. The new and splendid Steam Boat Philadelphia, Capt. Z. W. Kibben, will leave Arch street wharf, every morning, Sunday excepted, at 6 o'clock, for Burlington, Bristol and Haverhill. Passengers for New York will take the *Charles* on Monday, 21st inst. at 10 o'clock. N. J. there take the Steam Boat New York, Capt. J. J. and arrive in New York the same afternoon.

Face through only \$2. Passengers for Easton, Pa. take the coaches at Bristol.

THREE O'CLOCK BOAT. STEAM BOAT PENNSYLVANIA, Capt. Lawrie, leaves Arch street wharf, every day, Sunday excepted, at 3 o'clock, for Burlington, Bristol and Haverhill. Returning, leaves Haverhill, the following morning, at 6 o'clock.

Travelers for New York can take this Boat, and go on the *Charles* the daily line. Face through only \$2. This will give an agreeable leisure to the voyagers in viewing the spacious domains of Joseph Bonaparte, within a quarter of a mile of that locality and elegantly situated village, Haverhill.

Passage for BRINTON, in either Boat, 75 cents. Breakfast and Dinner in these boats, 25 cents each. Baggage at the risk of the owners.

Porters furnished at the Office, No. 8 Arch street, and No. 32 North Third street, opposite Henkel's City Hotel, where baggage sent the previous evening, will be taken in charge. may 12—11

FOR SALE. An excellent FARM, or COUNTRY SEAT, in a high state of cultivation, near Germantown, within eight miles of the city of Philadelphia, containing thirty acres of land, of which a few are well timbered woodland. The buildings are two large STABLES, BARN, HOUSE, a large STONE BARN, with STABLES, &c. and a SPRING-HOUSE over a never-failing Spring of the best Water. There is also a good Stone Quarry upon the Premises. It has many conveniences, and is well calculated for a gentleman's country seat. Possession may be had immediately, with or without the crops in the ground. One half of the purchase money may remain upon the property.

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